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1. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON CONFIRMED TO ME TODAY THAT THE EC NINE IN THEIR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS ARE CONTINUING TO DISCUSS THE RELEVANCY OF MBFR TO THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF MBFR FOR FUTURE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. HE WAS QUITE GUARDED WHEN I ASKED WHETHER EC NINE DISCUSSIONS WOULD NOT INEVITABLY BROADEN INTO A GENERAL CONSIDERATION OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE, SAYING ONLY THAT A SEPARATE EUROPEAN DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT IS PURELY HYPOTHETICAL AND ADDING THAT THE CRITERIA FOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WERE FAR FROM HAVING BEEN DETERMINED.

2. AGAIN IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, DAVIGNON SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN COORDINATING SUCH DISCUSSIONS--WHICH, SO HE AVERRED, ARE NOT NOW ON THE EC NINE AGENDA-- WITH THE NATO CONSULTATIVE PROCESS. HE DID SAY THAT, SHOULD THE EC NINE EVER PLACE DEFENSE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA, THE MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE NINE IN NATO. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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